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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification in compliance with §1.125(b). A copy of the specification showing the changes made is also attached.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1 through 12.

Please substitute the following amended claim for corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing current revisions is attached.

28. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 27 further comprising pressurizing the liquid from the in-line drainer in a pressurizing device, and passing liquid from the pressurizing device to the digester.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are being made to cancel claims 1 through 12 which are pending in the parent application and to correct transcription and typographical errors. Entry thereof is requested.